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GOOD EXHIBITS ASSURED BY BIG CROPS

Special Feature Will Be Agricultural Exhibits by Communities

PLANS FOR AMUSEMENTS

Women to Have Charge of Important Departments of Fair.

Malheur County has always had the reputation of putting on a creditable County Fair, and this year will certainly not be any exception to the rule. The spirit of the fair has taken hold of Ontario and no doubt has also the neighboring towns according to reports, and all the committees are diligently working, and plans are being formulated for not only having the best and largest exhibits in every department that they have ever shown, but also to furnish amusement for the crowds during the entire day. The committees on sports say that a good live carnival company will be present to furnish amusement between the races, and the old saying, "something doing every minute" will be the slogan.

E. G. Bailey, superintendent of schools here with County Agriculturalist W. W. Howard, made a trip to Vale, Jamieson, Brogan and the Dead Ox Flat country last week for the purpose of securing community exhibits for the fair. Mr. Bailey says that the prospects for excellent exhibits from all parts of Malheur County are better this year than at any time since the fair was established. The Chamber of Commerce of Vale is contemplating making a canvas of the adjacent country for a large community exhibit from Vale and the surrounding country.

Owing to the large yield of fruit this year, and the quality of the fruit it is expected that much rivalry will be shown in the canned fruit department. Nowhere could better fruit be had for canning purposes, and since the demonstrations have been made at some of the Grange halls by experts this season, and children have also been urged to try the experiment, no doubt a large number of entries will be made. Flower culture has become an interesting feature with the ladies of Ontario, as well as our neighbors, and from the number of beautiful asters already reported this year the exhibit promises to be one of the best ever and this will be one of the most attractive exhibits of all. The ladies in charge, Mrs. E. C. Van Petten, Mrs. E. G. Bailey and Mrs. Ray Wilson, are urging everyone with flowers to be sure and make their plans to bring them to the fair and while all cannot take home a blue ribbon, the flower department lends a great deal of enjoyment to the visitors and nothing attracts women folk to a community more readily than the knowledge that they can have successful flower gardens.

INQUIRIES COME REGARDING LAND

Local Men in Touch With Parties Who Wish to Locate Here

Several inquiries have been received lately by the local postoffice concerning the resources of this part of the state. The inquiries have come from persons who wish to move to a new country and engage in agricultural pursuits.

One inquiry came from a man representing a colony at Grants Pass and the writer stated that the people he represented were ready to invest a hundred thousand dollars, if they could find a satisfactory location. This letter was referred to W. H. Doolittle, who has taken the matter up with the Grants Pass people, and is trying to arrange for them to locate here. Another inquiry regarding land, stock, irrigation and variety of crops, was referred to Spencer & Goodfellow. The writer represented twelve families in Eastern Washington.

COCKRUMS BACK FROM CALIFORNIA

After spending several weeks at the San Francisco exposition, and in touring California, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cockrum, and two sons, Lee and Arthur, in their Hudson "Six" and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rambo in their Cadillac, accompanied by Miss Cora McNulty and the Misses Platt, returned home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cockrum and son Arthur, left here about six weeks ago and were met in California by Lee, who went down earlier. The route chosen by them was from here to Burns, on through Alturas, Chico and Sacramento to San Francisco. They claim that the poorest roads they found on the whole trip, were from here to Burns. After spending a week at the exposition, they went on to Los Angeles for a visit with Mr. Cockrum's brother, G. L. Cockrum of that place. From there they went to San Diego and then on to Tejauna, Mexico. They found pavement all the way from Frisco to San Diego, with the exception of 14 miles. Coming back, they came practically the same route, and spent sometime in the Yosemite National park. The Rambo party left Ontario a week later than the Cockrums, and went by the way of Winnemucca. They found the roads very poor by that route. They joined the Cockrums at San Diego and the two machines made the trip home together.

Both of the cars were equipped with camping outfit and all claim that this was one of the best features of the whole trip. A comfortable bed was carried on the running boards, and a lunch kit and cooking apparatus was carried conveniently, so that with the exception of the time spent in the cities, they camped out, and prepared their own meals.

Mr. Cockrum states that it is generally conceded that the Oregon building ranks first among the state buildings, and that, with the exception of the Canadian building, it is among the most artistic. He states that the interior finishing of white fir, and the decoration of fruits and grains is very effective.

LAMPKIN OPENS STORE IN WEISER

W. T. Lampkin, Ontario Merchant, Opens Exclusive Ladies' Store.

Announcement has been made this week by W. T. Lampkin that he will open a new store in Weiser in the near future. Mr. Lampkin has had a store here for several years and has had considerable trade from Weiser, as well as local trade, and needs no introduction to the people there, either in the reputation as a thoro business man, or as to the line of goods carried in his stock.

The new store which will be located in the Vendome Block, one-half block from the Morris Summers Co. building, will be known as the Lampkin Cash Store, Limited, and will be opened Friday, September 3rd. Elmer Orcutt, a young man well known in this city, will be in charge and will own a few shares of stock.

This store will feature ladies' furnishings and ready-to-wear goods, and only reputable goods will be carried such as the "Redfern" suits, that the Ontario store has become noted for. Being able to buy in quantities, will enable Mr. Lampkin to carry a much better line in the local store, and to offer better prices than ever before.

COUNTY FESTIVAL HELD AT EMMETT

New County Has Big Celebration on Assuming Its Official Duties.

The Gem County Festival, marking the occasion when the new Idaho County, formed by the last session of the legislature, assumes its official duties and responsibilities began yesterday at Emmett and will last for three days. Several thousand dollars have been spent to make the celebration a grand success and a fine program of speeches, music, sports and exhibits have been arranged. Efforts have been made to have as many visitors on hand, to enjoy the program, as it is possible to muster.

Several local people, including E. B. Conklin, W. W. Howard, A. G. Kingman and V. V. Hickox went to Emmett yesterday to attend the celebration.

RAILROAD WORK GROWS IN STATE

Long Expected Construction Begins at Several Points

INTERIOR TO BE REACHED

New Roads Mean Increase in Mining and Farming Industries

Construction work on the branch west of Riverside has been progressing rapidly and large crews are now on the ground and at work. A member of the firm of Twoby Brothers, contractors of Portland who have the contract for the construction of the thirty miles beyond Riverside, arrived several days ago and expects to remain until the work is completed. Twoby Brothers are sub-letting contracts for a large share of the work.

It is generally believed that the work will not stop as soon as the road is built to Dog Mountain but that it will be built on at least as far as the branch line to connect at Burns.

The time has evidently come for a revival of railroad building in Oregon. Beside the construction on the branch from Riverside, building operations are being carried on in several parts of the state. Twoby Brothers also have a contract for building a road from Grants Pass to Crescent City, Cal., a distance of about 100 miles. This will open up a large country which contains a vast amount of low grade ore which can be mined only with good transportation facilities. The building of this road will doubtless prove a boon to the mining industry of the state. Reports are also to the effect that construction work will soon begin on the road from Roseburg into the great timber belt to the east, and another road is assured from Sutherlin up the Calapooia into the timber on the west slope of the Cascades.

Observers believe that the building of the railroad into Central Oregon, will mean a vast increase in the acreage planted to grain, especially to wheat. The great interior country has been called the future granary of the state and it will soon have a chance to prove its right to the name.

The construction work at Riverside has already stimulated business in this section to a large extent. Ontario merchants have during the past week or two been shipping large quantities of fruit, vegetables and melons to Juntura and Riverside. The shipments of peaches, watermelons and vegetables total several cars a week, with practically all of the local merchants having a share in the business. Large quantities of the produce are being taken into the interior by auto trucks and wagons from the end of the railroad and most of the produce shipped is bound for the interior, although the railroad construction work beyond Riverside has greatly stimulated the trade there.

HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL SEPT. 7.

The Annual Harvest Home Festival given at Big Bend, will be held in the Big Bend park Friday, Sept. 27th. This information is contained in a letter to the local Commercial Club, with an invitation to the people of Ontario and vicinity to be present at the occasion. There will be exhibits of the products of the Big Bend section, and a free lunch will be served at noon to all comers. The program of speeches and sports will follow in the afternoon. Speakers and musicians will be selected from the various visiting communities.

The letter also expresses gratitude for the assistance given the people of the Big Bend by other communities in the county for securing the Snake river bridge at that point.

HONEY INDUSTRY IS GROWING FAST

Another industry that is rapidly making headway in the Snake river valley, is the production of honey. About fifty producers between Weiser and Parma have organized the Idaho-Oregon Honey Producers' Association and the members of the organization are working together in every way possible to make the bee industry a success.

The local members of the association are Ber Wood, Howard Mallett, Harold Mallett, W. H. Pennington of Nyssa and M. Townsend. The Mallett boys and Ber Wood have between five and six hundred hives, and this fall will have about a car of honey to ship. W. H. Pennington has probably a thousand hives and M. Townsend about four hundred.

Scarcely any farm industry offers as much interest as the production of honey, and certainly none offers more difficulties for the beginner. One of the biggest problems is to keep the bees from increasing too fast. They increase in numbers about twenty-five per cent annually. The difficulty is not in getting enough bees, but in getting the range for them. It requires about two acres of alfalfa for each colony of bees and bee raisers have a gentleman's agreement not to locate an apiary closer than a mile and a half of another producer. If the apiaries are too close together, the result is that all the producers must lose money.

There are approximately 125,000 bees in a hive, so the local owners have about sixty of seventy million bees floating around over the alfalfa fields. The past few weeks have been favorable for the production of honey, though the first part of the summer was not so good. The weather requirement is that it be warm with no wind. The wind in particular makes it difficult for the bees to work.

The bees in their civic life, have a highly developed social order. The production of the new generations depends upon the drones and the queen bee. A system is devised whereby only the strongest of the drones mate with the queen bee. The queen lays only a few eggs the first year, but lays probably many millions the second and third years. The fourth year her power wanes and she is promptly killed by her subjects, who attack the job of raising another queen. After the swarm-season the workers kill all the drones as they are no longer necessary to the welfare of the community. Then, not content with that wholesale slaughter, about four-fifths of the workers themselves die in the fall, which saves the expense of their feed during the winter.

The disease which causes most trouble among bee owners, is known as foul brood. The disease attacks the bees while in the larval form and with no new bees hatching, it is not long until the apiary is destroyed. The disease is transmitted only through the honey, and the method of fighting it is to get the bees into a new hive, burning the old one. The safest way is to burn the affected bees with the hive. The disease was brought into this country about ten years ago when a carload of bees from Utah was wrecked near Payette. The bees already in the country caught the disease by going to the honey in the wrecked car. Since then it has spread over practically the whole country, though a few of the large apiaries have managed to keep it out.

Extracted honey brings about seven cents a pound, while the comb honey is worth ten cents a pound. The extracted honey can be produced cheaper than the comb honey because it is taken out of the combs and the combs are put back into the hives and used again by the bees. When the comb is sold, the bees have the added task of making new combs.

The breeding season is in the first warm weather of the summer. The bees swarm in June. The bees work inside the hive for fifteen days after they are hatched out, making wax and storing the honey. By that time they are strong, and begin to make trips out into the fields after honey. The way to prevent an increase in the number of the bees, is either to clip out the queen cells or clip the queens' wings. Sometimes in the latter case, the bees kill the queen and raise a new one.

The association is working for better laws regarding bee inspection in both Oregon and Idaho. The members of the association are doing all they can to stamp out the disease, which is fatal to the industry, but the independent producers cannot now be compelled to destroy the affected hives.

SCHOOLS OPEN FOR WORK SEPT. 6

Buildings Being Overhauled

TEACHER FOR YEAR

Course of Study for High School Same as Last Year

The Ontario public schools will open for the year's work on September 6th. Necessary preparation for the is now being made so that all will be in readiness by the first day enabling the teachers and students to get down to work without delay. Both the high school and the grade buildings are now undergoing their annual cleaning and in addition, the high school rooms and hallways will all be calcimined.

The total enrollment last year was seven hundred and one, one hundred and forty-seven being in the high school. This year it is expected that the high school enrollment will reach one hundred and seventy-five, but no increase, and probably a slight decrease, is expected in the grades.

The course of study in the high school this year will be the same as last year with the college preparatory, scientific and commercial courses. Some new equipment has been added for the science department which will add considerably to its value. The high school course of study for schools of the size of Ontario is outlined by the state department of education. Schools go into the first class when their students number a thousand.

The teachers selected for the high school and the grades for this year are as follows:

Superintendent, E. G. Bailey.
Principal of high school, J. W. Prater.
Commercial subjects, D. W. Hiles, Science and German, C. M. Williams.
Latin and English, Faye Wheeler.
Domestic Science, Inez Weaver.
8th. grade, Nellie Platt and Edna Griffin.
7th. grade, Lucy Fox and F. J. Clemo.
6th. grade, May Platt and Jennie Whitaker.
5th. grade, Twyla Head and Emma McGivern.
4th. grade, Betsy Taylor.
3rd. grade, Ruth Purcell and Cora McNulty.
2nd. grade, Laurence Bailey.
1st. grade, Luella B. Callen and Olive Clement.

MCALLISTER CAUGHT AT LA GRANDE

George McAllister, another of the Vale jail-breakers, was apprehended at La Grande Saturday, and arrested by Sheriff Hug of that place. McAllister was probably the most wanted of any of the escapes, and the officers are to be commended on making the capture. McAllister is only 21 years old and was first held on a larceny charge, but the fact that he has broken jail twice and stolen several horses each time in an attempt to make his escape, will no doubt go hard with him when his sentence is pronounced.

When arrested, McAllister was riding horse stolen from George Campbell of Baker last Wednesday night. One horse which disappeared from a farm in the valley above Vale came home in a few days and it is supposed that he turned the horse loose after striking the range, and took up a fresh one.

When Sheriff Brown reached here Sunday night with McAllister, he picked up two other prisoners that he had brought this far from Montana the day before. A man by the name of Rawson who was wanted on a burglary charge at Juntura, and a rancher whom a warrant had been out for on account of a neighborhood feud somewhere in the county. Rawson was captured at Dillon, Mont.

THIS VALLEY SHOWS BIG DEVELOPEMENT

By A. H. Harris of the Portland Telegram

- Community Needs
- Farm loans money at fair rates
- of interest.
- Reduction in current interest rates.
- Markets for high grade fruits and vegetables.
- Fifteen hundred dairy cows in charge of dairymen.
- Expert irrigation farmers with water.
- Canne market for surplus vegetables.
- Close cooperation among producers.
- Deterioration effort to kill out fire blight.

An intensely interesting and illuminating example of the passing of the old conceptions and methods of farming and the coming of new conditions and higher ideals in rural life is to be found at Ontario, on the upper Snake river, in extreme eastern Oregon. Here in years gone by the cowboy and the range stockman held undisputed sway; here the man who dreamed of irrigation and prosperity was considered unreliable in the head and too much of a tenderfoot to make good under pioneer conditions. Yet, within a few years—a very short space of time—the irrigation ditch has taken the place of the cowtrail and the alfalfa field and orchard have left little of the old days except the story of the sagebrush plain and the coyote haunt. The evolution has been too slow, it is true, but it has been sure, in method and sane in result. Years more will be required—years of toil and struggle—before the job can be called complete or even satisfactory. That the effort has been and will prove to be worth while is maintained by everyone who has aided in the work of permanent development, high as has been the price paid in flesh and blood and cash.

The upper stretches of Snake river lie in a great ancient volcanic plain, the soil being light and ashy but very deep, generally. Under water the soil becomes wonderfully productive; under natural conditions sagebrush and greasewood and bunchgrass were and are the usual products. With plenty of water available for his herds and flocks it was natural that the pioneer should become a stockman and that as the years passed the settler who would till the soil should have met bitter opposition and prolonged hardship. For many years Ontario was a trading post for stockmen and all the foundations for the early fortunes, now so prominent in the life of the community, were laid through herds of cattle and flocks of sheep. So it is that all the traditions of Ontario are based on the range and the cowboy, on sheep and wool and cattle and horses.

The time came when the man who would live near Ontario could not get range for his herd or his flock should he plan to build up such an enterprise, so he turned to the cultivation of the soil, not because he wanted to or because he saw a fortune in land development. He found the altitude along the Snake river about 2,000 feet, ideal for the production of farm crops, but he also found the rainfall deficient, so short in fact that ordinary crops could not mature in the light, ashy soil. So he undertook to put a lead strap on Snake river—for even to this day no effort to harness the stream has been made—and the first irrigation ditch was the result. The ditch carried enough water to irrigate a good-sized garden patch but it demonstrated the supremacy of the land under water as against the range under cattle and sheep. Irrigation became necessary and profitable on the river benches and the arrangement drove back to the higher lands their herds and flocks.

New conditions and unexpected evolutions came rapidly into the life of the people residing at and near Ontario as the stock business retreated into the interior and the irrigationist came to live and labor on the land. The first need was men experienced in irrigation, the next money to aid in bringing water and developing the land, the third markets for the products of the soil. Electric power came after some delay, giving lights and energy for use in every community as it developed.

It did not require the wisdom of a philosopher to set down some of the disadvantages of the coming irrigated

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GRANGE PICNIC TO BE HELD SEPT. 1

Program of Speeches and Sports to Make Good Time for All

WHOLE COMMUNITY INVITED

Representative Sinnott to Speak Besides Several Local Men

The Annual Community picnic under the management of the Boulevard Grange, will be held in the grove at Arcadia, Wednesday, Sept. 1st. A big program has been prepared for the day and also some time has been left for the picnickers to loaf and talk about the weather and renew acquaintances with their neighbors. The people of Ontario and surrounding towns, are invited to be present in as large numbers as possible to see what a good time the country folks can give.

N. J. Sinnott, representative in Congress from this district, will be the principal speaker of the day. Local celebrities will also be on the program for short talks. Mayor Trow of Ontario will boost the county fair and A. G. Kingman will talk on the Corn Carnival. The county superintendent of schools, Miss Fay Clark, will also speak, in addition to several others.

The sports committee has arranged for some interesting events including races and wrestling matches. Several former northwest college wrestling champions are living in the county and effort will be made to get them on the mat for a good exhibition. There will also be matches between those who have not had training.

The program will begin in the morning and will last until late in the afternoon with something interesting all the time. An hour and a half, or two hours, will be allowed for dinner which everyone is expected to bring with him. There will be a grand stand on the grounds where refreshments may be purchased.

The committee from the Grange wishes to emphasize the fact that the picnic is a community affair and is for everyone, whether a member of the Grange or not, nor is it even necessary to be in sympathy with the work the Grange is doing. The desire is to get as many people in the community as possible, together for a good profitable time.

WATER CASES ARE HEARD IN ONTARIO

Deputy State Engineer Receives Applications For Malheur RIGHTS

Rhea Luper, deputy state engineer, was in Ontario three days last week receiving applications for water rights on the Malheur river and giving all persons here an opportunity to inspect the claims filed with the state water board a year ago. Mr. Luper was in Vale for ten days for the benefit of water users on the upper part of the river. Most of the people having water rights on the river are represented by attorneys so most of the detail regarding filing of claims and inspecting claims filed by others, was done by them. It is expected that quite a number of contests will be filed, as a large number of conflicting claims have been filed.

The present work of the water board is under the new water code passed by the legislature in 1909. Under this law all the water rights in the state are to be adjudicated and all conflicting claims settled. Contests are to be filed with the board now and the hearings will come before the duties of the board are ended.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Freed and son Fay, of Kansas City, have been the guests at the M. Russell home this week.